Investment Protection Agreement with China

1696. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to sign and investment protection agreement with China;

(b) if so, brief outline of the agreement and issues which such an agreement is proposed to be covering; and

(c) the provisions, if any, proposed to be incorporated therein keeping in view the prospect of China pursuing its ambition over the Indian territories which has been made conspicuous by the Chinese Ambassador Sun Yusi by reiterating on November 13th, 2006 by Chinese claim over the region of Arunachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) India and China signed the Agreement on Bilateral Investment Protection and Promotion on November 21,2006 during the visit of the Chinese President to India.

(b) and (c) The Agreement provides a framework for bilateral investment flows between India and China. It deals with investment promotion and protection aspects, including, *inter alia*, national treatment and most favoured nation treatment, expropriation, repatriation of investment and returns, compensation for losses, and settlement of investment related disputes.

National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy, 2006

1697. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre's new National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy, 2006 favours 20 to 25% 'quota' for the urban poor in every public and private housing colony being developed in the country;

(b) if so, the other main features of this policy; and

(c) by when it is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy is not yet finalized.

Houses for slum people in Nagpur

†1698. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme has been formulated for constructing houses for poor people living in slums in Nagpur city;

(b) if so, the number of such people living in 45 slums in Nagpur city for whom the houses would be built;

(c) the number of houses constructed so far under "Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana" alongwith the number out of them which have been allotted to dalits; and

(d) whether any scheme has been formulated to provide houses to all the people of poor sections in Nagpur city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of Maharashtra has reported that Nagpur Municipal Corporation has prepared a proposal to construct 9187 houses in 45 slums of Nagpur City.

(c) State Government has reported that 2513 houses have been completed under VAMBAY for the city of Nagpur, out of which 1652 belong to Dalit category.

(d) State Government has reported that a proposal for construction of 5153 houses in slums has already been prepared by the Nagpur Municipal Corporation.

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